

S E C R E TCOPY NO. 9230 April 1947STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEEDECISION AMENDING SWNCC 304/1PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARENote by the Secretaries

1. At its 56th Meeting on 29 April 1947, after further amending, the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee approved SWNCC 304/1, as amended by SWNCC 304/2.

2. Holders of SWNCC 304/1 are requested to substitute the attached revised pages 4, 5, 6, 8, 16, 20 and 25 for the ones contained therein and destroy the superseded pages by burning.

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b. The State Department has primary interest in psychological warfare policy determination which affects the foreign policy of the United States.

c. The armed services have a vital interest in psychological warfare policy determination which affects the national security and the conduct of military operations of the United States.

d. The National Intelligence Authority has an interest in the intelligence and certain other aspects of psychological warfare.

e. There is need for the immediate establishment of a committee with full-time representation from appropriate governmental agencies to serve as an agency charged with preparation of psychological warfare policies, plans, and studies for employment in time of war, or threat of war as determined by the President.

f. Appropriate agencies of the government should be required to assist in wartime implementation of approved psychological warfare plans.

g. The implementation of psychological warfare plans and directives during wartime, or threat of war as determined by the President, in an actual or projected military theater of operations should be the responsibility solely of the Theater Commander concerned. These plans and directives should be transmitted by rapid communication to the military commander concerned by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, only.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. It is recommended that the SWNCC:

a. Approve Appendix "A" (a charter for the agency proposed in paragraph 4 e), subject to the concurrence of the National Intelligence Authority and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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b. Thereafter, transmit this report to the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Director of Central Intelligence, for guidance and appropriate measures of implementation.

c. Obtain the comments or concurrence of the Central Intelligence Group and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when and as appropriate, in connection with psychological warfare plans developed by the Subcommittee provided for in Appendix "A" before acting on them.

d. Approve the policy that (a) plans and directives developed by the Subcommittee, which are to be implemented in actual or projected military areas, theaters or commands, will, following their approval by SWNCC, be transmitted by rapid communication, to the military commanders concerned by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, only, and that (b) the implementation of such plans and directives will be the responsibility solely of the commanders concerned.

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